GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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POLNET PROJECT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Project `POLNET` for linking all police establishments in the country through satellite and wireless;

(b) the number of bidders and intending providers short-listed for providing the POLNET linkage;

(c) whether the bidders are being further short-listed on the grounds of technology proposed to be adopted;

(d) whether the technology sought to be rejected is a universally accepted state of the art technology; and

(e) if so, the reasons for its rejection?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(e): The POLNET is a satellite based integrated and dedicated network, for modernisation of Police Telecommunication in the country. The Tendering process for POLNET began with Pre Qualification of Bidders in which 28 Vendors responded. Eleven firms were short listed for issuing POLNET main tender document. The POLNET main tender has been responded by nine vendors out of the eleven short listed vendors. Their Technical Bids are under evaluation.